

Albuquerque Metro Crime Initiative

Actions we can take now to lower crime and make the metro safer



Intensify our crime fighting efforts by recruiting more officers, coordinating among law enforcement agencies, using proven technologies and deepening our understanding of how crime impacts the community.

- ☐ Create task force to examine officer retention and lateral recruitment programs for all police agencies in NM
- ☐ State fund for more cops
- ☐ Create advertising campaign for out-of-state police recruitment similar to NMTrue initiative
- ☐ Change the administrative code to modify the requirements to become a police officer. Classes at facilities, such as at CNM, could take the place of some of the classes required at police academies, online delivery, modular delivery, etc.
- ☐ Expand network of shot detection and license plate readers, including expansion of broadband infrastructure related to these technologies
- ☐ Continued warrant sweeps with State
- ☐ Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) fund to make grants to businesses for cameras that tie into the Real Time Crime Center, fencing, lighting and similar improvements
- ☐ Joint Task Force auto theft operations
- ☐ Invest in a data platform that allows law enforcement, prosecutors, public defenders and courts to track a case from beginning to end and to track an offender through the system
- ☐ Create/fund think tank to examine gun violence as a public health issue
- ☐ Invest in mobile speed enforcement to free up officers while combatting the scourge of dangerous driving

Close loopholes in state law that make it harder to combat gun violence and chronic crime.

- ☐ Pass a law that makes owning, operating, or doing business with a “chop shop” a crime
- ☐ Require gun owners to secure weapons, provide penalties for unsecured weapons unauthorized use to commit crime
- ☐ Penalty enhancements and/or mandatory minimums for felons in possession and use of a firearm in commission of a crime, when the offender has extended magazine capacity
- ☐ Pre-trial presumption of dangerousness when an offender uses, brandishes, or is in possession of a firearm during a violent, drug, or property crime
- ☐ Prohibit the firearm enhancement statute from being plead out in criminal cases (a charge that a firearm was used in the commission of a felony cannot be plead below the mandatory minimum set forth in NMSA 31-18-16)
- ☐ Increase the minimum time to be served in the enhancement statute when a gun is used in commission of a crime
- ☐ Close loopholes in Extreme Risk Protection Order re (1) required sworn statements for victims, (2) adding 24-7 on-call and (3) allowing law enforcement to file their own ERPO petitions



- ☐ Campaign to get gun owners to record the serial number of their own weapons
- ☐ Require coordination among law enforcement agencies to identify statewide drivers of violent crime

End the revolving door that puts dangerous offenders on the streets again and again.

- ☐ Adequately fund 24/7 pre-trial monitoring services
- ☐ Increase Competency Evaluation staffing at Metro Court and District Court
- ☐ Increase grand jury time for District Attorney to address the COVID backlog of cases and prevent the re-traumatization of sexual assault and child victims through repeated demands to testify
- ☐ Limit case management order to those cases where defendant is detained

Prioritize proven Violence Intervention Programs that identify drivers of violent crime to help them change their path or face the consequences.

- ☐ Create a statewide Violence Intervention Program (VIP) through enabling legislation
- ☐ Fund CABQ Violence Intervention Program
- ☐ Create restorative justice programs in schools

Rebuild our behavioral health system to stop the cycle of trauma, poverty and addiction turning into criminal justice problems.

- ☐ Develop incentives for providers to locate or startup services
- ☐ Build programs for peer support workers
- ☐ 24/7 sobering center
- ☐ Expansion of Turquoise Lodge; dedication of beds for criminal justice system
- ☐ Increase capacity of addiction treatment providers, including through federal funding

- ☐ Build incentive programs for social work and behavioral health careers, pay for education in exchange for in-state employment commitments
- ☐ Partnership between APS and local, state government in developing an initiative to connect underserved/at-risk youth with career training

Create and support meaningful pathways out of the criminal justice system through diversion and specialty courts.

- ☐ Fund Assisted Outpatient Treatment expansion (\$1.5M/year)
- ☐ Increase pre-arrest diversion offers
- ☐ Fund indigent copays for drug testing for pre-prosecution diversion programs
- ☐ Increase pre-prosecution diversion offer acceptance
- ☐ Increase funding and capacity for young adult courts
- ☐ Increase funding and capacity for drug, homeless and other specialty courts

